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GIVES TRADE DATA FOR POLAND AND SATELLITES

In 1949, the value of Polish trade with the USSR and the People's Democracies increased 25.4 percent over 1948. Trade with these countries in 1948 amounted to 41 percent of Poland's foreign trade, and in 1949 the share increased to 44 percent. In 1950, it will total 55 percent of Poland's entire foreign trade.

In 1950, Polish trade with the USSR will be 34 percent higher than in 1949. Polish imports of Soviet investment goods in 1950 will increase 50 percent.

Among the countries of the People's Democracies with whom Poland carries on the most active trade is Czechoslovakia. In 1949, Poland imported, besides production equipment, the following items from Czechoslovakia: rolled products, fire clay, kaolin, metallurgical coke, tractors, inner tubes, technical equipment, radio receivers, and footwear. Poland exported coal, zinc, chemicals, products of the engineering industry, agricultural products, etc. Taking 1947 as 100, the index of the value of Polish-Czech trade was 28 for 1946, 467 for 1948, and 582 for 1949. In 1949, Poland was in second place, after the USSR, on the Czech foreign trade list. According to the agreement, Polish-Czech trade in 1950 will increase 25 percent over 1949.

Hungary is rapidly becoming an important trading partner of Poland. In 1947, the first trade agreement between the two countries covered a limited range of commodities. In 1948, Hungary began to ship investment goods to Poland. In addition, Hungary supplied Poland with rolled products, medicines, and consumers' goods, and during the recent meat shortage, delivered meat and edible fats. Poland exported to Hungary the following items: coal, coke, lumber, zinc, and metallurgical products. The value of Polish trade with Hungary in 1949 tripled in comparison with 1948. Trade planned for 1950 is to be 35 percent higher than for 1949. In 1950, Poland will receive more vehicles, such as busses and electric trolleys, and will export in addition to the articles mentioned, chemical products and products of the engineering industry.

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Under the first agreement with Bulgaria in 1946, Poland received Bulgarian tobacco and certain agricultural products, and exported products of the engineering industry. In 1948, the value of trade increased 28 percent, and the imports included ores and raw hides. The exports included metallurgical, chemical, and textile products. The 5-year trade agreement signed in 1948 brought about a further increase in trade. Taking 1946 as 100, the index of Polish-Bulgarian trade in 1950 will be 150. In 1950, Poland will import from Bulgaria ores, concentrates, animal and vegetable shortening, leather, and tobacco. Polish exports will include mineral products.

Poland began trade relations with Rumania on a small scale in 1945. In 1947, Poland imported petroleum products, ores, and agricultural commodities from Bulgaria, and exported coal, coke, metallurgical products, electrical goods, and products of the engineering industry.

In 1948 and 1949, in addition to the goods mentioned, Poland imported lumber, meat, and fats, and exported chemical and textile products. In 1950, the value of Polish-Rumanian trade will be 50 percent higher than in 1947.

In 1949, the first trade pact was negotiated with Albania. Exports to Albania included, among other things, coal, coke, ironware, machinery, chemicals, and textile products to help industrialize the nation. Albania exported to Poland petroleum, ores, wool, etc.

Trade with the People's Republic of China started recently is of vital significance. Among other things, Poland has purchased in China soybeans, tea, tobacco, tungsten concentrates, and fats. China has purchased in Poland rolled metal products, tools, chemicals, fabrics, etc.

In 1949, trade increased between Poland and the German Democratic Republic. Taking 1947 as 100, the index of the value of goods exchanged was 300 in 1948 and 500 in 1949.

Poland imports a large variety of industrial products and investment goods from the German Democratic Republic and exports coal, coke, rolled metal products, chemicals, and agricultural food products.

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